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## Mr. Daniel H. Hitchings

Daniel H. Hitchings became the Director of Regional Business for the Mississippi Valley Division/Mississippi River Commission (MVD/MRC), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in September 2003. He is also a member of the Federal Government's Senior Executive Service. Mr. Hitchings earned a bachelor of science degree in water resources engineering from Pennsylvania State University and a master of public administration degree from Harvard University. He is also a registered professional engineer.

Mr. Hitchings began his career in 1973 as a design engineer with Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Architects, Engineers and Planners, Jacksonville, Fla. His career with the federal government began with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District in late 1974. Assignments involved water resources planning, navigation and flood control project operations, construction engineering and contract administration, engineering design and construction management. These assignments took him to such locations as the Albany Field Office of New York District, Wright-Patterson Area Office of Louisville District, and the Engineering Division in Europe. In 1986, Mr. Hitchings was assigned Chief, Contract Inspection and Administration for the Directorate of Engineering and Housing, Frankfurt Military Community, Germany and subsequently as Assistant Chief, Engineering Plans and Services Division. In 1988, he transferred to the U.S. Military Community in Neu Ulm, Germany, where he assumed the duties as Chief, Engineering, Plans and Services Division and remained there until 1991 when the installation was closed as part of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty implementation.

Upon returning to the states in 1991, Mr. Hitchings accepted the position of Facility Management Engineer at Headquarters, Test and Evaluation Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground. In 1994 he became Chief, Environmental Engineering Branch of the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, with the Garrison at Aberdeen Proving Ground. In 1994, he accepted a position as Chief, Buildings, Grounds and Utilities Division, Directorate of Public Works. From January - July 1997, Mr. Hitchings lead the Garrison Business Transition Team. He attended Harvard University in 1998, and then worked on the Commercial Activities (outsourcing competition) team to prepare the in-

house proposal. From March 1999 to September 2003, Mr. Hitchings served as Chief, Engineering and Construction Division for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District. Mr. Hitchings also served 3 months, April 2003-July 2003, in Iraq as the Senior Advisor to the Iraqi Ministry of Housing and Construction for the Coalition Provisional Authority. Since September 2005 Mr. Hitchings has served as Director of Task Force Hope, overseeing the Corps of Engineers hurricane response and recovery work in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Mr. Hitchings is a native of Oneida, New York. He is married and has two sons.

The Mississippi Valley Division (MVD) is responsible for Corps water resource programs in a 370,000-square-mile area that includes portions of 12 states; its boundary extends from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. District offices are headquartered in St. Paul, MN; Rock Island, IL; St. Louis, MO; Memphis, TN; Vicksburg, MS; and New Orleans, LA. The presidentially appointed Mississippi River Commission (MRC) is responsible for the comprehensive Mississippi River and Tributaries flood control and navigation project.